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Title:	COUPLING ELEMENT FOR ELONGATE LAMPS AND ILLUMINATION SYSTEM HAVING THIS COUPLING ELEMENT	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of this paper.